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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }
Shreveport, La., June 1st, 1864. }

TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT.

I have deemed it my duty to issue a General Order, directing the purchase, and, if necessary, the impressment of one half the Cotton in this Department, to supply the pressing wants of our armies in the field.

Your soldiers are the sole reliance for the defence of the country from invasion and desolation. They have recently furnished you a signal instance of their willingness and ability to defend your homes. Without munitions of war, clothing and medicines, they cannot be kept in the field. These articles can be obtained only by importation. Cotton is the sole means of purchase. In the same lofty spirit of patriotism, which leads your sons and brothers to offer their lives for your protection, will you not sell to the Government the only product, by which their valor can be made effective against the public enemy?

The impressment of Cotton will be avoided, if possible. But supplies for the army *must be had*. It is left with you to determine, whether, for the preservation of your homes, you will force the Government to resort to impressment!

E. KIRBY SMITH,

General Commanding.

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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }
Shreveport, La., June 1st, 1864. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 34. }

The pressing necessity of the armies in the field make it absolutely necessary that the Government should use one-half

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of the Cotton in this Department, for the purchase of naval and military stores, required for the defence of the country.

Discreet and proper bonded and commissioned officers have been selected, who will purchase, if possible, the amount required.

If it cannot be obtained by purchase, they are authorized to impress it, in strict accordance with the terms of the Impressment act and the General Orders, issued on that subject.

District Commanders will furnish them such assistance as may be needed, in executing this order.

Any attempt at illegal impressment, will be promptly punished, on being reported, with satisfactory proof, to District or Department Head Quarters.

The following officers are charged with the execution of this order:

Major A. S. CABELL,
Major W. P. BAUGHN,
Capt. F. J. LYNCH,

Capt. B. SHROPSHIRE,
Capt. W. W. BARRETT,
Capt. N. A. BIRGE.

All Cotton procured by them in Texas, will be placed under the control of Lieut.-Col. W. I. HUTCHINS, who will use it solely in procuring army supplies.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General

*Recd June 9. 1864
in manuscript at Houston.*

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 4, 1864.

General Order, } No. 35. }

I. The following regulations of the overland trade to Mexico are published for the information of all concerned :

Sec. 1. All cotton, tobacco, military or naval stores, sugar, molasses or rice, intended for exportation overland to Mexico, must be entered and registered with the Collector of Customs at one of the established ports of entry, and receive a permit from him after payment of export duties.

2d. Such permit shall only be granted by the Collector upon the certificate issued by a bonded and commissioned officer of the Government, to be hereafter designated, and stationed at San Antonio, Texas. Such certificate shall be issued upon the affidavit of the party applying for it, accompanied with a sworn list of the articles to be exported, stating the point of exportation, to the effect that the articles so to be exported are the sole and exclusive property of the Confederate States Government, or of some State of the Confederacy, and are to be exported on the sole account of said Government or State, and that no third party has any pecuniary interest therein, except for freight wages, the amount of which shall be stated in said affidavit, which said affidavit and list shall be filed and preserved among the records of such office, and a duplicate of said certificate and list to be forwarded to the Collector of the point of exportation for his information.

3d. Any person violating the above will be liable to the penalties declared by law.

4th. All persons introducing machinery and mechanical and agricultural implements in the Confederate States, upon making proof to the officer at San Antonio by the certificate of the Collector, or the introduction of the machinery, &c., into the Confederate States or its arrival at the port of entry, that officer will allow a sufficient quantity of cotton to pay for the same to go forward to the port of entry.

5th. All persons to whom the Government has furnished any of the articles named in the first section of these regulations, in exchange for army supplies already delivered, or who have actually delivered to the Government, by purchase or otherwise, any of the articles above named, will be allowed a permit to export the articles so furnished by the Government, in exchange for army supplies, or to export a like amount of the article so delivered to the Government. The permit of the Collector to be based upon the certificate to that effect of the bonded and commissioned officer at San Antonio, which said certificate shall be based upon the receipt in the first instance of a bonded and commissioned officer, that the army supplies were actually delivered ~~by~~ him for the

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Government, and in the other, that a like amount of the article to be exported had actually been delivered to him, also for the Government.

II. The Commanding Officers of Districts will furnish, on application of the officer at San Antonio, and the Collector of the different Ports of Entry, such mounted force as may be necessary to ensure a compliance with these regulations.

III. The Chief of the Cotton Bureau for the Trans-Mississippi Department is charged with the exportation of all cotton belonging to the Confederate Government, and the introduction of supplies for the use of the Department.

IV. Major Asa H. Willie, C. S., P. A. C. S., will be stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and charged with the duties prescribed in the above regulations.

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

TREASURY AGENCY, TRANS-MISS, DEP'T }
 Houston, June 9, 1864.
 Collectors of Customs on the Rio Grande frontier, will be governed by the regulations established in General Orders, No. 35.
 J. W. GRAY,
 Ag't Treasury, T. M. D.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept. }
Shreveport, La., June 5th, 1864. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 36. }

I. When the Deputy Depositories do not reach the troops of this Department in time to enable them to fund the Treasury notes, all Quartermasters, acting as Paymasters, are directed to receive the notes, in compliance with the following circular from P. W. Gray, Agent Treasury Department: *May 28. 1864*
[Extract.]

"INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPOSITARIES AND TAX-COLLECTORS.

"I. In order to afford facility to the troops in the field for funding Treasury notes, under the Currency Act of February, 1864, it is directed that Brigade or Division Quartermasters, acting as Paymasters of C. S. Army, may, under orders from the Commanding General, receive Treasury notes for funding, from the troops, and certificates for four per cent. Bonds will be issued by any Depositary to the Paymaster, for delivery to the troops from whom he may so receive deposits, upon his paying over the money received, to the Depositary, accompanied with a Report specifying the names of depositors, dates of deposits and amounts received from each. In such cases, the Depositary will issue certificates as if the Paymaster had acted as his Deputy.

"To effect this, the Paymaster must keep and return to the Depositary a numbered Register of the names of depositors, stating Company and Regiment, dates of deposit, and the amounts deposited by each, which can only be in sums of \$100 or its multiple, and number the notes received from each, with the corresponding number on the Register, so as to know from whom any counterfeit note may have been received."

P. W. GRAY,

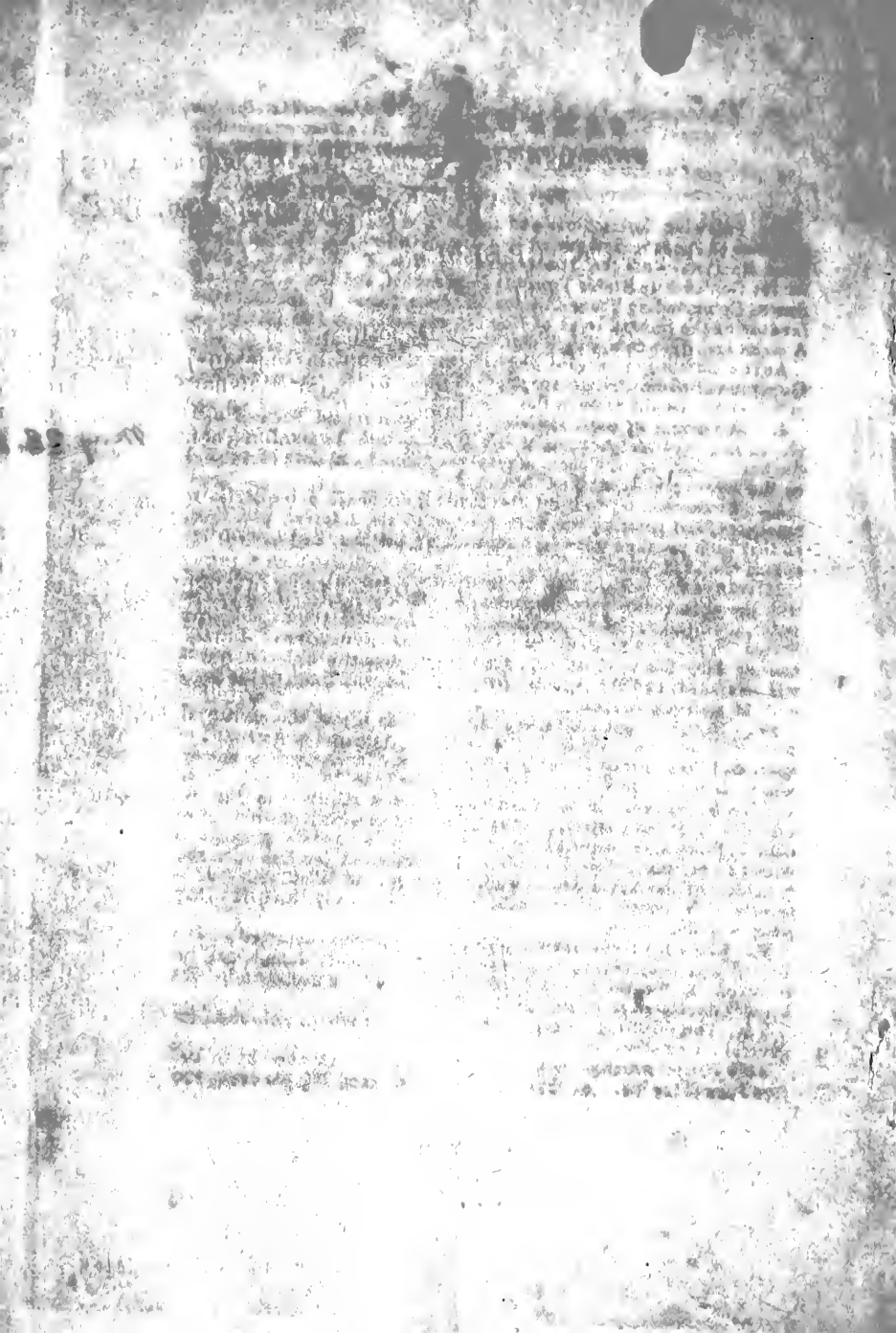
Agent Treasury,
T. M. Dep't."

By command of

General E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.



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